

Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes  
Wednesday, September 10, 2003  
12:00 p.m.  
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office  
HIOSH Conference Room  
830 Punchbowl Street #425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Members in Attendance: Allan Parker, Chair; Clayton Winger, and Mel Miyamoto.  
Absent: Kerwin Chong and Gary McKeague.  
Guest: Alan Sakamoto, State of Hawaii Human Resources

Call to order: Quorum was met and Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

July 17, 2003

Minutes: Minutes were unanimously approved as circulated.

Community Concerns:

Mr. Alan Sakamoto inquired if a "cherry picker" equipment was considered a hoisting machine and needed to be certified. The board asked Mr. Sakamoto to take a picture of the machine and either compare it with the list of pictures on ASMEb30.5a or he could bring the picture back for the board's recommendation.

Director's Report: Applications update: NCCCO applications are 213 to date. 26 applications have been submitted to DLIR and pending certification cards and 17 are on hold for certification payment. A total deposit of \$15,350.00 has been made to the HMOAB fund.

New Business: Options for October 1, 2003 Enforcement Date  
The board discussed options for recommendation on the following:

1. Sufficient time has been given to prepare for certification and industry and labor groups have been aware of the process for over two years.
2. The construction industry was notified numerous times of the impending requirements through press releases and letters.
3. Some companies, have already expended significant resources to train their operators and to assist them in obtaining their NCCCO certification.
4. The state provided classroom training for operators at a reasonable cost.
5. Delaying the enforcement date would be unfair to the operators that have spent a considerable amount of time, effort and resources to voluntarily comply with the rules and upgrade their job skills.
6. The special certificate was established because the board anticipated that some operators 1) may be qualified operators but reaching retirement age and may not want to study for testing, 2) may need additional time to study and prepare for certification

testing, and 3) may need time to transition into another line of work. The special certification that is valid for two years.

7. Minimum training requirements are the same for both the public and the private sector. A hoisting machine operator certificate will not be issued to anyone who has not already received a valid certification card from the NCCCO or its equivalent, or have satisfied the minimum requirements for a special certification.

The Board felt these requirements are attainable and not unreasonable and unanimously agreed the rules must remain as stated. Lora will send a letter to Director Nelson Befitel informing him of the board's decision for the enforcement date to remain at October 1.

Unfinished Business:       None

Executive Session:       None

Correspondence:       None

Announcements:       None

Adjournment:       Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.